

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sheet delivery device for a sheet-fed press which is arranged to avoid the crushing of sheets, comprises a shutter device having a shutter bar unit that is movable between an operation position and a stand-by position. In the operation position the shutter bar unit is arranged to provisionally receive the printed sheets conveyed from the sheet conveyor. This sheet delivery device also comprises a sheet separating device having an operation position and a stand-by position and includes a belt-like blade. In the operation position the belt-like blade is arranged over an entire width of the stacked sheets and above an end portion of the stacked sheets from which the shutter bar unit enters the operation position. Thus, when in the operation position, the sheet separating device is arranged to create a separation into which the shutter bar unit is to be inserted, and to subsequently receive the printed sheets.